



**NASEO Board of Directors Resolution**  
**Role of State Energy Offices in Energy System Resilience, Cyber and Physical Security, and Statewide Energy Planning**

**WHEREAS**, the nation’s 56 State and Territory Energy Offices and the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) have long recognized the importance of energy system reliability, and resiliency to support national security, public health and safety, and economic vitality; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the National Climatic Data Center indicates that the United States has sustained 151 weather-related disasters since 1980 in which overall damages and costs reached or exceeded \$1 billion at the time of the event; *and*

**WHEREAS**, State Energy Offices and NASEO have identified cybersecurity policy enhancement opportunities that would strengthen public and private sector efforts to better protect liquid fuels, natural gas, and electricity systems, as well as interdependent systems such as water and telecommunications; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Studies show the cost of energy emergency planning and mitigation policies deliver substantial health, safety, and economic benefits relative to the cost of these actions; *and*

**WHEREAS**, State Energy Offices have utilized formula U.S. State Energy Program funds to support state energy emergency planning, mitigation and response, including working with the private sector to advance energy efficiency and alternative fuels to diversify and strengthen energy systems. State Energy Offices and NASEO have identified innovative energy supply disruption best practices to lessen the negative safety and economic impact of all energy emergencies – electricity, liquid fuels, natural gas; *and*

**WHEREAS**, State Energy Offices have worked to develop state energy emergency policy, planning, mitigation, and response guidelines, tools, and analyses in partnership with governors, state legislators, state utility commissioners, state emergency response officials, local governments, private sector energy providers, NASEO, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and the U.S. Energy Information Administration; *and*

**WHEREAS**, State Energy Offices have partnered with NASEO and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability to create risk analysis modeling tools to ensure energy system modernization and resilience investments are prioritized for areas of greatest energy systems risk; *and*

**WHEREAS**, State Energy Offices have partnered with NASEO and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability to speed the response to and recovery from energy supply disruptions; *and*

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**WHEREAS**, State Energy Office leadership of statewide, comprehensive energy planning recognizes system interdependencies, emerging energy technology and market trends as they assist governors and state legislators in setting state energy direction and policy that reduces risks, enhances economic competitiveness, and contributes to environmental quality and public safety, and provides other benefits; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that NASEO will work to further expand cooperation and coordination between the State Energy Offices, other state officials, state public utility commissions, state legislatures, local government officials, private sector energy providers, and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and to encourage multi-state cooperation and coordination; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that NASEO supports increased, long-term federal, private, and state efforts including statewide energy planning to ensure a resilient energy system and modernization of the nation’s infrastructure through public-private partnerships and policies, programs and investments that contribute to national security, economic development, public safety, and environmental quality; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that NASEO strongly encourages states, the private sector, and Federal Government to commit resources to maintain their capability to respond to energy emergencies by updating state and federal energy assurance plans on a regular basis, updating emergency contact lists annually (e.g., state energy emergency assurance coordinators), conducting regular exercises that test the adequacy of the plans, and providing for ongoing workforce preparedness through training on the plans’ responses and consequence assessments.

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